

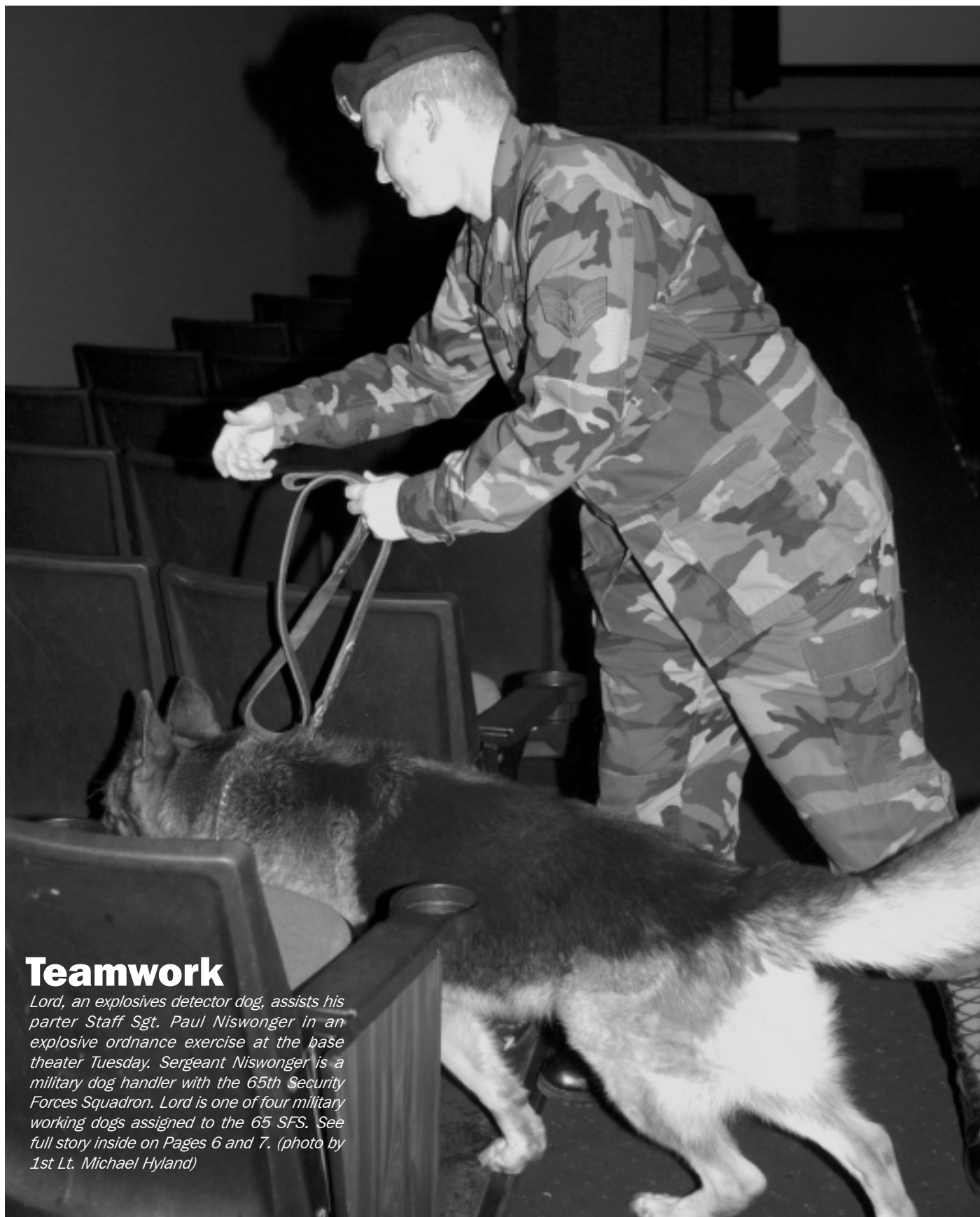
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Teamwork

Lord, an explosives detector dog, assists his partner Staff Sgt. Paul Niswonger in an explosive ordnance exercise at the base theater Tuesday. Sergeant Niswonger is a military dog handler with the 65th Security Forces Squadron. Lord is one of four military working dogs assigned to the 65 SFS. See full story inside on Pages 6 and 7. (photo by 1st Lt. Michael Hyland)



COMMENTARY

FTAC essay contest winner shares her work

The First Term Airman Center students were recently asked to write an essay about what they expect from the Air Force, and what they think the Air Force expects from them. A panel of senior noncommissioned officers chose Airman First Class Melinda Leal's essay from a group of 13. Her work is below:

I joined the Air Force at a time in my life when most probably would not have.

I was in my junior year in college when I walked into my recruiters' office, after which I told my parents about a new career path I was considering taking. Their first thought, of course, was that I changed my major, but when I told them I wanted to join the military, it was obvious they would have rather had me change majors. My explanation for my decision was simple, well to me at least. College simply was not meeting the expectations that I had set for it. I felt that the Air Force would provide for me the personal growth, great leadership, and career development prospects that college had lacked. In turn, I feel the Air Force should expect from me a well-rounded, educated Airman, an Airman who is fit, and of course an Airman who lives the Core Values.

The Air Force has so many opportunities for someone to grow as a whole person. I anticipate I will be put in situations that, in normal civilian life, I would not be put in. I expect to be given the tools to work under stressful conditions and perform my duties better than expected. Military leadership, in my opinion, is the most disciplined leadership I can learn from. From noncommissioned officers to commissioned officers, we should be led by motivated, strong-minded, intelligent individuals who lay the foundation, for those of us just coming in, to walk on. They have exceeded the standards to get to where they are and

are willing to lead us in that same direction.

They should understand that we are the future of our United States Air Force, and because of that, they should not accept anything but the best from their successors. With the opportunity to make senior airman Below the Zone, I will be able to make staff sergeant sooner. I also expect to have the opportunity to cross train or take a special duty assignment to further enhance my career as well as benefit the Air Force. The possibilities are endless. To go from a job such as mine, Traffic Management Office, to one as completely different as Air Force Office of Special Investigations, would be impossible anywhere else, but I expect the Air Force to provide me with the opportunity to expand my career choices.

With all of my expectations, there should be some upon myself as well; one of which is being a well-rounded, educated Airman. I should take full advantage of the educational opportunities provided and excel in my skill levels. I believe that a person who strives to pursue educational excellence is one who will achieve excellence in the workplace also. Being physically fit should be another expectation upon myself. If I am unable to maintain the physical standards that have been set for me, then I would have already failed one mission, and failure is not a part of the Air Force. What is a part of it, though, are the Core Values. Three rules that should be a way of life for me: Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All I Do. I should not give less than 110 percent; anything less should not be acceptable.

I am not certain of the amount of time I will spend in the Air Force, but one thing is certain, the numerous experiences I will encounter will help me with my career and personal life beyond the military. Career wise, I will

have shown that I am able to succeed in a competitive work environment. I will already have a solid work ethic and strong leadership skills to bring to any company. Personally, I will be a much stronger individual than I am now, not only physically, but also mentally. I will be able to handle situations in a responsible manner.

In conclusion, I will carry my experiences with me and continue to live by the Core Values to help continue my success.



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COMMENTARY

Maintaining balance key to success

By Chief Master Sgt.
Laten Williams
65th ABW command chief

Maintaining good balance in life is necessary for health and happiness. I would like to share with you a few things I think are extremely important to maintaining good balance in life. We'll call them the five Fs.

First is Family. Make sure you are spending quality time with your loved ones. Take time to communicate with mom, dad, aunts, uncles and grandparents; don't wait until it's an emergency. Let your family know what you do for our Air Force, they are also members of the team.

When we do business right, we cultivate a family atmosphere in the duty section. Supervisors at all levels, remember your responsibility and obligation to get to know your people. This extends beyond the duty section and duty hours, it is called leadership. You don't necessarily need to get deep into their personal lives, but you are expected to have a certain level of understanding.

The second F stands for Fitness. It is part of our Air Force culture more than ever before. Fitness is a significant part of good health and comes with its own benefits. Being fit helps with work productivity and also pays big dividends during stressful

situations such as emergencies.

The third F is Friends. No one is an island, we are all part of a supporting cast. Find a circle of friends and take care of each other. Friends make the next F much easier.

I'm referring to the F in Fun: Take a good look around you. I guarantee you'll find activities and other things you enjoy. Get out and do some of them, but always keep safety first. If you include adult beverages, please do so responsibly and never ever drink and drive. Take leave, get off the island and visit places you've always wanted to see. We get 30 days of leave per year, plus 12 federal holidays, that's plenty of time to enjoy and recharge our batteries.

Finally, don't forget Faith. One of the freedoms we have is the right to believe in whatever higher power we choose. In many countries people die for this. Remembering our faith and respecting the rights of others is important.

Not all Fs are equally weighted, but all are very important. When we find balance in our five Fs, it provides a greater balance within the mission. We are better focused and sharp for our job, the Air Force, our country and each other.

Commander's Line

Call 2-4240 or
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The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems -- but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line.

Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing
commander

Evaluate your assets, you might be surprised at how rich you are

By Capt. Brad Stebbins 65th
Operations Support
Squadron

"The person who knows he has enough is already rich," said a wise scholar. The world tends to associate wealth with the readily quantifiable - traditionally time, talent and treasure. While these articles may stratify and garner attention, how we manage these, and other resources, truly defines us.

The title of "steward" designates one responsible for an estate as the word comes from the Old English for "house guard." In application, it covers more than just property and a good steward requires a dedicated approach. We must first account for all that we have, prioritize what we found and then responsibly manage all under our care.

When taking stock of our

lives, what do we consider assets? We may start by counting our possessions - a home, automobiles and bank accounts. Examining ourselves, we may notice we are endowed with the gift of beauty, stature or intelligence. On an even more basic level we notice that every day brings another 24 hours, an equitable resource so easily taken for granted.

Close to our hearts, the family bonds and friendships we have cultivated through the years hold significance beyond measure. Even our words, while seemingly insignificant, prove to be a mighty asset as a source of strength for some and possibly pain for others. Soon, the blessings gush forth as we remember our freedom, our health, the Earth, and all that abounds in our lives.

Once we have a more

complete picture of our wealth, we are better prepared to prioritize those assets. If we state our relationships are most important, would those closest to us agree?

Certainly, a life of service to our country proclaims that the freedom we fight for stands high on our list of priorities. Physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being sit atop many an inventory because of their link to happiness. The roll continues until we have arranged nearly all our assets in order of importance. Eventually, our material items make their way to the list and we find them close to the bottom.

Now that we have ranked our assets, we must arrange our lives to take care of the priorities. Realizing the value of each moment, we will start to devote more time

to our relationships. Family and friends will sense their importance in our lives. We can then choose to use our gift of speech to lift them up with words of encouragement, an investment that will pay countless dividends.

Personally, an effort to develop our own talents will help us discover the significant contribution we make to our chosen groups. As we more highly esteem the blessings of liberty, our appreciation for the profession of arms will grow.

As a process, stewardship starts with a greater awareness of all that we have. The end result is increased emphasis on that which is most valued in our lives. In turn, others, including those closest to us, will better understand what drives us. Let us move to sharply define our lives by practicing good stewardship.



Good to know

Dining Facility Opens

The Tradewinds Dining Facility will begin serving food Dec. 15, with the first meal at midnight. The flight kitchen will move to the dining facility at 5 p.m. Dec. 14.

Wing Holiday Party

The Wing Holiday party, "Dinner at the Winstons," is scheduled for 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Top of the Rock Club. Dinner will be served family style. For ticket information, contact your squadron first sergeant.

Seven-digit dialing

Lajes will be switching to 7-digit dialing soon. This means users will no longer be able to dial 2-XXXX when dialing a local DSN number. They will be required to dial 535-XXXX. Seven-digit dialing is currently available for use. Users are encouraged to get in the habit of dialing 535 when making local (on base) DSN calls.

Holiday mail deadlines

In order for cards and packages to make it to the states by Dec. 25, it needs to be sent by the following dates:

— Priority and first-class letters/cards: Dec. 10

This deadline can be used as a ballpark for mail coming from the states as well.

The post office hours to mail items are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Customers may pick up packages on those days until 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details, call 535-3625.

Strong Patriot

The Strong Patriot will arrive tomorrow. Unloading will either be complete tomorrow or Monday. If you have questions about incoming cargo, call the port at 535-6175.



Pictured are two of the fuel tanks in Cova das Cinzas the Air Force is set to begin demolishing this month. One more tank will be demolished by July of 2006. The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron plans to eventually remove the other two above ground tanks as well as all six underground tanks. (Photo by Sr. Eduardo Lima)

Base to demolish 3 old fuel tanks

Project scheduled to last from December to July 06

By Capt. Melissa Waheibi
Public Affairs

This month, the U.S. Air Force will begin demolition of three deactivated fuel tanks in Cova das Cinzas.

Lajes has six underground and five above ground fuel tanks at the Cova das Cinzas site and one underground tank at the Cabrito Ammo storage area. With the construction of the South Tank Farm in 1983, these tanks were subsequently removed from service.

This project will begin in December and is scheduled to be completed by July 2006. The funded project is for three of the aboveground tanks, T-1330, T-1331, and T-1340.

"The long term goal is to remove all the tanks, including the underground tanks," said Steve Day, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron mechanical engineer and demolition project manager.

The demolition plan is extensive and includes the tanks, dikes, fuel piping, valve pit, fire suppression piping, and the fire suppression hydrants. The final stage includes creating a more gentle ground slope and planting grass, said Mr. Day.

The cost of the current funded demolition project is \$271,000. The work will be performed by Meneses & McFadden/Cartor Joint Venture, a local construction firm. They will employ the work force necessary to perform the required work.

The environmental aspect of the demolition is a high priority for the wing.

"The soil affected by the demolition will be sampled and treated if necessary," said Susana Simoes, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental specialist. "These fuel tank areas are high priority sites for U.S. Air Forces Europe environmental restoration program. The restoration program is a 4-stage process that assesses soil in the environment and takes remedial action if required."

The land will then be returned to the original land owner.

"Once we perform our environmental investigations of the area and the Portuguese government agrees with the results, the U.S. government will begin negotiations to turn the land back to the Ministry of Defense," said Mr. Day. "Once the land is returned to the Ministry of Defense, they will determine the schedule to return the land to its previous land owner."

"This is yet another example of the positive relationship we have with our Portuguese host," said Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander. "We have made an agreement to team up on environmental issues and are pressing forward to be good stewards of the land here. The demolition of these fuel tanks demonstrates that the environment is a high priority to our team, and we make our decisions accordingly."



Senior Airman Felicia Pierre-Louis, 65th Services Squadron, checks her deployment folder with Tech. Sgt. Anthony Myers, 65th Mission Support Squadron, at the Nov. 22 Lajes Field deployment exercise. (Photos by Capt. Melissa Waheibi)

Deployment exercise prepares Lajes troops

By 1st Lt. Michael Hyland
Public Affairs

A deployment can be a challenging and demanding experience. Lajes Field is practicing to make sure troops are ready for the trip.

Two chalks composing of 81 Lajes personnel participated in a deployment exercise Nov. 22 to prepare them for Air Expeditionary Force Cycles 9 and 10.

"We ushered troops through a personnel deployment function, which is a line containing any and all possible help stations before deployment," said. Capt. Jeremy Gingrich, Base Deployment officer. "It featured several elements essential to a deployment, such as the personnel readiness folder portion, finance, immunizations and the mobility bag section."

With Lajes deploying troops for the first time in 2005, the base has facilitated only a few exercises, but it's keeping readiness in the operational

forefront.

"We just started deploying last January and our first exercise was in March. We're in the initial steps, but we're doing very well," Captain Gingrich said. "We're going to start conducting exercises every quarter. We want to reinforce an expeditionary mindset on base."

Tech Sgt. Rachel Polite, 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron Unit Deployment manager, said the exercise was successful.

"It went very well. The exercise was a learning tool and we learned a lot. It will only get better from here," she said.

1st Lt. Jamie Barnes from the Mission Support Group participated as a deployer in the exercise.

"They squared away my mobility folder and all my bags, so I'm ready to go," he said. "The line went very well."



Master Sgt. Shannon Parker, 65 MSS, examines a deployment folder during the exercise. Two chalks made up of 81 people participated.



Staff Sgt. Kurt Lugar rewards explosives detector dog, Rex after the long-haired German Sheppard sniffed out an explosive training aid during an exercise Tuesday. Boo and two other "drug dogs," along with a narcotics-sniffing K-9, make up the four-dog team at Lajes Field. Each dog typically spends most of its time training with an individual dog handler. The handler takes care of training in addition to grooming, feeding and bathing. (Photos by 1st Lt. Michael Hyland)



Sergeant Kurt Lugar attempts to deter Boo from sniffing out an explosive training aid during the exercise. The handlers will test the K-9's confidence level when they find their finds.

Patience

By 1st Lt. Mike Hyland
Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Kurt Lugar charges into the base theater with his partner. They have a mission is to find explosive ordnance expeditiously and without flaw. Little margin for error exists when lives are at stake. The team communicates freely as they blanket the theater lobby with their search. Only a few minutes have passed, but the team has uncovered the first explosive ordnance. Sergeant Lugar congratulates his partner with a toy.

The other half of the team is Boo, a three-year-old Belgian Malamute who works for the Air Force as an explosives detector dog. Lajes Field owns two bomb dogs as well as a narcotics-sniffing K-9. Sergeant Lugar's human team is composed of another dog handler and a kennel master, with a third handler to be on board as well. The team of noncommissioned officers conduct these explosive ordnance exercises each month to keep the dogs sharp.

Sergeant Lugar takes Boo's reward away after a few seconds, because the exercise has just begun. Boo still needs to sniff out five other "plants."

According to Staff Sgt. Tracey Boon, 65th Security Forces Squadron kennel master, the training is conducted to test the dog's ability to identify an odor and the handler's ability to recognize the odor and assist if need be.

"We're here to test the dog and handler as a team, to locate and find explosive training aids that we've planted in the building," he said. "To stay certified as explosive dogs have to maintain an accuracy rate of 95 percent and drug dogs 90 percent."

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Boo away from exercise. Dog by challenging



Sergeant Lugar rewards Boo with a "Kong" after the K-9 maintained his position by the explosive training aid. A Kong is any stimulus that acts as a positive reinforcement for the dog.



Staff Sgt. Paul Niswonger follows Lord, a German Sheppard explosives detector dog during an exercise at the base theater. Each of the three handler-dog teams was tasked with finding six explosive training aids during the exercise.

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After a few minutes, Boo has sniffed out the odor from three of the six planted training aids. Each time Boo strikes gold, he sits calmly next to the hidden ordnance and waits for his partner to verify. Sergeant Lugar rewards his teammate with a "Kong."

"The Kong is what the dog's working for," he said. "It represents his drive to find explosives. Each dog has a different one."

Boo's Kong looks like a chewed-up, black rubber ball – a chewed-up black rubber ball that saves lives.

Boo's calm reaction to finding explosive ordnances represents an important part of his training. Bomb-sniffing dogs are taught to respond passively to explosive ordnances. Aggressively responding to a potential bomb might trigger it to explode.

When Boo isn't sniffing out bombs, he works as a patrol dog. Sergeant Booth stressed that the dogs can perform patrol work in addition to their detection duty, but never double detection.

"You never mix narcotics and explosives. When the dog responds, you don't know what it is he's sniffed. If you go in and handle a bomb like a narcotic, boom, you're dead," he said.

Sergeant Lugar said patience is a very important commodity in a dog handler.

"You have to have patience. You have to let the dog show you. I don't have odor eyes, but he has an odor nose."

He said the extra patience is a small price to pay for having his job.

"It's like working with kids. You've

got to have patience with it, but it's the best job in the world. I come to work with a dog. You think back to when you were a kid – having a best friend as a dog. We're working partners; we're best friends; it's an awesome job."

According to Sergeant Booth, patience is also one of the three fundamentals of dog handling.

"Patience, practice and knowledge are necessary to be a dog handler. You have to be patient – you can't tell a dog, you have to show him," he said. "Practice is important because if you don't know how to do the task or do it correctly, the dog won't know. And knowledge is key in knowing how to show and teach the dog. These three tools will make an effective dog handler."

The two NCOs stressed trust as another key to a successful K-9-human partnership.

"You've got to trust your dog and know your dog. When Boo sits, if there's something there, he won't move. You can try to trick him, but he won't move," Sergeant Booth said.

"That's where you pick up your confidence," Sergeant Lugar said. "The dog wants to get that reward, so he's not moving. I can walk away and he'll stay put. He knows there's something there."

Two more dogs clocked in for exercises Tuesday afternoon. Lord, a six-year-old German Sheppard went to work with his partner Staff Sgt. Paul Niswonger, and Rex, a six-year-old long-haired German Sheppard worked with Sergeant Lugar. The Lajes K-9 team ended the day with a 100-percent

find rate.

All Department of Defense and federal agency dogs are trained at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. According to Sergeant Booth, the dogs are trained in the basics: obedience, attack and odor recognition. Dogs are then transferred to their first base or location for their initial assignment.

"You're getting basically a three-level troop. It's our job to train them where to be," Sergeant Booth said. "You bring a three-level dog in here and he won't be able to find a lot of these plants."

Sergeant Booth said that after all of a dog's training, with the man hours and equipment involved, he's worth about \$65,000. The dog's service life lasts between five and 13 years, usually being discharged because of hip displacement from a long career of activity. Military dogs are then either put up for adoption after a rigorous discharge process, or used in handler training programs. The dogs put up for adoption are usually sent to former handlers because of the attack element of the training.

"These dogs are not pets, they'll bite at the drop of a dime," Sergeant Booth said.

Sergeant Booth stressed that a lot of training and money goes into military dogs, but the handlers don't look at them as a resource.

"We look at them as a buddy, a friend, a partner," he said.

If you're looking for more information on the history of military dogs, Sergeant Booth recommends the Viet Nam-period documentary, "Dogs of War."

AFOSI Det. 516 offers December travel tips

For military members and their families, December is known as a time to take vacations and holidays both near and far from home. In short, December is the time for traveling! Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 516 has compiled these tips for everyone, military and civilian alike. Please take the time to read and heed before, during and after you travel, and share this information with family, friends, co-workers and subordinates.

1.) Visit the U.S. State Department website, <http://www.state.gov/travel>, for the latest public announcements, travel warnings and advisories, and consular information sheets. This website is a "must see" for any American traveling abroad.

a. Print the consular and embassy information sheets and take them with

you on your trip. These sheets have street addresses, phone numbers and other contact information for U.S. Embassies and Consulates in the country you are traveling to. Don't leave home without that information.

b. Traveler's Health pages provide health warnings and advisories and contact information for English speaking doctors and hospitals in the country you are traveling to.

2.) Be accountable for your whereabouts. Regardless of how or why you travel (PCS, TDY, leave, liberty pass, weekend or day trip in the car), provide trip plans to someone in your chain of command, a family member or friend.

a. If something happens (natural disaster, terrorist attack), people will want to know where you are, if you are hurt or injured, and how and when you plan to return home. Accountabil-

ity and contact information are essential.

b. Take contact information for someone in your chain of command, a family member or friend with you on your trip. If something happens, take the initiative and contact them to let them know where you are and if you are okay.

3.) Be informed about emergency services at your destination.

a. Know the emergency phone numbers for the country you are traveling to - for example, 911-USA, 999-UK.

b. Know what the police services are called (i.e. German Polizei), what emergency vehicles look like and be familiar with the uniforms of local police so that you can recognize them.

4.) Review and be familiar with Reportable Situations (AFI 71-101 vol. 4).

Air Force members are required to report counterin-

telligence contacts and information to AFOSI within 30 days of the information.

Based on DoD Instruction, reportable situations are everyone's responsibilities regardless of branch of service or civilian status.

Bottom line: Report these incidents to AFOSI or the nearest U.S. federal law enforcement agency.

5.) Remember the Eagle Eyes Program.

Report these suspicious behaviors to local authorities and/or AFOSI: surveillance, elicitation; tests of security, acquiring supplies, suspicious persons out of place and dry run deploying assets. Accurate, detailed reporting is essential. Include date, time, location, physical descriptions, vehicle registration numbers and the specific behavior. (Article courtesy of Headquarters AFOSI.)

65th SFS Police Blotter: Nov. 21 - Nov. 28

(Editor's note: The Crossroads will run the blotter section weekly.)

Nov. 22

LOCATION: Lajes

Car break-in. Complainant woke up and discovered his vehicle had been broken in to. His speakers, in a sealed box valued at \$400, and one amplifier valued at \$365 were ripped out of his trunk. All of his door handles were broken. The unknown individuals had pried open his driver side door, and stole his wallet which contained his Military Common Access Card, debit card and credit card. The individuals opened all known compartments and removed all items from same.

Nov. 23

LOCATION: Porto Martins

House break-in. The complainant stated she made sure the house was locked before she went to bed. At 5:10 a.m. she was awakened and noticed the kitchen door, which had been locked, was open along with the laundry room window. Only her purse was missing yet was later found in the driveway with all of her contents accounted for with the excep-

tion of 50 euro and \$100. She further stated she last saw her purse in the chair in her living room.

Nov. 25

LOCATION: Porto Martins

Car break-in. The complainant said between 7:30 p.m. and 6:25 a.m., one hard case compact disc holder, along with approximately 27 CD's were stolen from his vehicle. The complainant further stated the point of entry was driver's side rear small window and all items were stored in the vehicles glove box.

LOCATION: Porto Martins

Car break-in. Complainant stated that between midnight and 6:30 a.m. approximately 35 compact discs, CD holder, and 7 euros in change were stolen. A book-bag containing important personal documents was also stolen.

Nov. 26

LOCATION: T-240/Youth Center

Complainant reported that individu-

als were behind the facility throwing rocks at the children in the facility. Complainant said two children were playing on the playground when nine off-base kids starting harassing them. The off-

base children starting throwing rocks at the children and one boy had a chain. "I saw a boy with a pellet gun, and then he shot the weapon." SFS setup a security cordon, and then Portuguese Security Police arrived on scene. PSP relayed that they obtained the individuals credentials, and

said that a report would have to be filed at the Praia precinct.

LOCATION: Praia da Vitoria

Complainant returned from leave and noticed signs her residence had been broken into. She said between noon and 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 24 an unknown person broke the glass window in the back of the house and stole \$20 and 350 euro from the kitchen table.



Combat Proud Lajes begins Housing Mayor Program

By 1st Lt. Michael Hyland
Public Affairs

Lajes Field Leadership instituted the Housing Mayor Program for base housing recently.

Lt. Col. Tim Donohue, 65th Mission Support Group deputy commander, was nominated housing mayor by 65th MSG Commander

Col. Michael Silver. Colonel Donohue subsequently appointed four individuals as area leaders for their respective housing areas.

"Area leaders will play an important role," Colonel Donohue said. "They will help facilitate active communication

between housing residents and 65th ABW agencies, voice interests of residents to appropriate wing agencies and attend quarterly housing advisory council meetings.

"Leaders will also disseminate information to their residents and assist in implementing housing policies. They will determine community

facility, infrastructure and landscape improvements and identify requirements to the 65th Civil Engineer Squadron for execution."

The housing mayor program is administered by the 65th CES. For more information, contact Ms. Joan Wilson at 535-3727.

Housing Leaders



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Jonathon Avery
Beira Mar
JNCO Housing



Master Sgt.
Alvin Earp
Beira Mar
SNCO Housing



Lt. Col.
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Nascer do Sol
FGO Housing



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CGO Housing



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David Pate
Nascer do Sol SNCO
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Portugal celebrates Restoration of Independence Dec. 1 every year

Question

What holiday did the Portuguese commemorate on Dec. 1?

Answer

The holiday the Portuguese people celebrated Thursday was the Restoration of Independence Day. This day commemorates the revolution of Dec. 1, 1640, when a small group of patriotic noblemen conspired to put an end to 60 years of Spanish rule and re-establish Portuguese sovereignty.

Spanish Kings Phillip II, III and IV had ruled Portugal since 1580 after the Moors and Turks defeated Portuguese King Dom Sebastião and his troops in North Africa at the battle of Alcácer Quibir.

The Spanish took over the Portuguese throne, as the Portuguese royal

family was too politically weak due to the North Africa disaster and family internal struggles to resist the occupation.

Portugal was governed by Spanish monarchs under a principle of dual monarchy, which recognized the existence of two crowns in the hands of the same king.

The Spanish monarch appointed Margaret of Savoy, Duchess of Mantua, and her Secretary of State Miguel de Vasconcelos to represent the Spanish kings in Portugal.

However, the Portuguese resentment against the Spanish rule increased over the years as Spanish kings discriminated against Portuguese people and officials and lost the Portuguese territories of Malacca and Ormuz in the South China Sea.

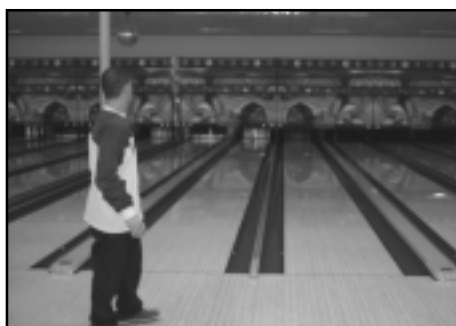
Taking advantage of the unpopularity

of Spanish representatives, 40 Portuguese noblemen conspired against the Spanish rule and headed to Lisbon on the morning of Dec. 1, where they headed an insurrection and managed to restore Portuguese independence. Moments after the rebellion, Dom Miguel Almeida announced the end of Spanish rule and proclaimed the Duke of Bragança, Dom João, the new king of Portugal.

As a side note, Terceira Island was a center of resistance during the Spanish occupation and the last national territory to fall to Spanish domain. During this period, the Spanish built the fortress of St. Phillip at the base of Monte Brasil in Angra to defend themselves from the island's population. The fortress was later named Saint John the Baptist as homage to the new King of Portugal.

Presently, the fortress serves as the headquarters for the Portuguese Army's Garrison No. 1.





Combat Fitness Sports Events

- Top of the Rock vs. Bottom of the Rock basketball game, tonight at the high school gym, tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.
- Santa Claus 5K Fun Run, Dec. 7, showtime is 7 a.m., race begins at 7:15 a.m.

Steeerike!!!

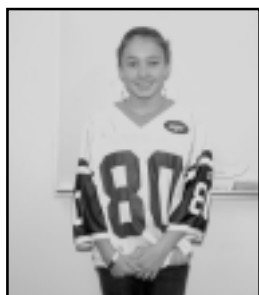
Far left: David Pate of the Comm 1 team follows through on a throw during an intramural bowling league game Tuesday. Top right: Jeremy Gingrich of the LRS 1 team lines up his role. Bottom right: Ramon Nuno of the LRS 1 team watches his ball approach the distant set of pins. (Photos by 1st Lt. Michael Hyland)

ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK CHALLENGE

Each week during football season, the Crossroads publishes a list of the National Football League games of the week for Team Lajes to predict. The person with the most correct picks will win free movie passes (admit two), \$3 off any Burger King purchase and a "rent-one-get-one free" at the Shoppette donated by AAFES.

The number one-ranked Armchair Q.B. each week will get his or her name and photo published in the Crossroads and we'll also print any smack talk the winner chooses to submit. Congratulations to "Challenge" victor Tori Rathbun who picked 13 winners and was only 4 points off the Monday night total. Tori's father, former "Challenge" winner Bill Rathbun, found himself at the bottom this week. Tori, feel free to rub it in a little and tell dad, "You Don't Know Jack."

Players can bring picks to the Public Affairs office in room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or e-mail them to lajesnews@lajes.af.mil. All entries must be submitted before the opening kickoff to the first game Sunday. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.



Tori Rathbun

"The youngest winner ever! Better luck next time Jets. Check out the "You don't know jack" winner ... no comment."

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | NY Jets vs. New England Patriots | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Seattle Seahawks vs. Philadelphia Eagles | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Total Points for Monday's Game: _____



PLANNER

Commissary Operating hours for December

Thursday - Closed
Dec. 24 - Closes at 4 p.m.
Dec. 25 - Closed
Dec. 31 - Closes at 6 p.m.
Jan. 1 - Closed
Regular hours of operation
are Monday - Saturday,
10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
(Friday's the commissary
closes at 7:30 p.m.)

DoDDS calender for December 05, January 06

Wednesday - PTO Meeting and
Holiday Concert - 6 p.m.

Thursday - Middle school, high
school Shadow Day

Dec. 12 - 14 - Santa Workshop,
cafeteria;

Dec. 13 - School Advisory
Committee meeting, 3 p.m. in the
elementary school information
center

Dec. 15 - Parent forum in the
Elementary school principal's
office, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 16 - Acceleration Day

Dec. 19 - Winter recess

Jan. 3 - Instruction resumes

Jan. 12 - Middle, high school
shadow day

Jan. 14 - Middle, high school
Winter Ball

Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day, no school

Jan. 27 - Teacher work day, no
school

For more information on any of
these dates or events, contact
DODDS School Liaison Officer Ms.
Janet Ross at 535-1314.

AFN Sports

myafn.net

Saturday

AFN-Sports

NBA: NY Knicks @ Detroit Pistons, midnight

COLL FB: Colorado @ Texas, 5 p.m.

COLL FB: UCLA @ USC, 8:30 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

NHL: Carolina vs. Dallas, 12:30 a.m.

COLL BB: Michigan @ Notre Dame, 4 p.m.

COLL FB: Georgia Tech vs. LSU, 10 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

COLL FB: Louisiana Tech @ Fresno State, 1 a.m.

COLL FB: Army vs. Navy, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

AFN-Sports

COLL FB: Florida State vs. Virginia Tech, midnight

NFL: Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.

NFL: Denver @ Kansas City 8 p.m.

AFN-Atlantic

NFL: Dallas @ NY Giants, 5 p.m.

NFL: NY Jets @ New England, 8 p.m.

AFN-Pacific

NFL: Atlanta @ Carolina, 5 p.m.

NFL: Washington @ St. Louis, 5 p.m.

Monday

AFN-Sports

NFL: Oakland @ San Diego, 12:30 a.m.

Tuesday

AFN-Sports

NFL: Seattle @ Philadelphia, 1 a.m.

COLL BB: Kansas @ St. Joseph's, 11 p.m.

Wednesday

AFN-Sports

COLL BB: Mich. State @ Boston Coll., 1:30 a.m.

AFN-Atlantic

NHL: NY Islanders @ St. Louis, midnight

At the Movies



**Today: 7 p.m. Into the
Blue** - Starring Paul
Walker, Jessica Alba

When four young divers
discover a legendary
shipwreck rumored to
contain millions in gold at
the bottom of the sea, they
believe their dream of
buried treasure has come
true. But nearby on the
ocean floor, a sunken plane
full of illegal cargo threat-
ens their find. The friends
make a pact to keep quiet
about both discoveries so
they can excavate the
shipwreck before a rival
treasure hunter uncovers
their secret and beats them
to the gold.

PG-13, 110 min.

10 p.m. Lord of War -
Starring Nicolas Cage,
Jared Leto

A wily arms dealer
dodges bullets and betrayal
as he schemes his way to
the top of his profession,
only to come face to face
with his conscience. But
it's not easy to leave a life
of girls, guns and glamour
when nobody wants you to

stop, not even
your enemies.

Rated R, 123 min.

**Saturday: 7 p.m. Two for
the Money** - Starring Al
Pacino, Rene Russo, Mat-
thew McConaughey

A star college football
player, at the top of his
game, blows out his knee
forcing him to choose a new
profession. He winds up
getting into the sports
gambling business and is
recruited by a man who runs
one of the best sports-
booking operations in the
country.

York. Rated R, 123 min.

Sunday: 2 p.m. - Into the
Blue

Sunday: 7 p.m. - Two for
the Money

Wednesday: 7 p.m. - Lord
of War

Thursday: - 7 p.m. Two
for the Money

**Next week: History of
Violence**, starring Viggo
Mortensen, Maria Bello,
rated R; **Domino**, starring
Keira Knightley, Mickey
Rourke, rated R



EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil. For on-base numbers, dial 295-57 and the last four digits.

Project Wizard

Story hour: The base library offers story time every Friday at 3 p.m., for children 7 and younger. Seasons, specials weeks, heritage months and holidays are covered in story hour themes.

Combat Fitness

Fitness center hours: 5 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays. For more information, call 2-5151.

Aerobic, Taekwondo Classes: Both classes are now held at the Youth Center Gymnasium, building T-240. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Mary Davis at 535-5151.

Oklahoma University

Combat Education

classes: The Masters of Human Relations degree program with University of Oklahoma is a 36 credit hour, non-thesis degree that can be completed within 16-24 months

The next course being offered is in the spring. The last day to add/drop is Dec. 11. For more information, call Jaclyn Kemp at 535-3171.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University:

Embry-Riddle is currently holding registration for undergraduate and graduate distance learning courses that start in January.

For details, contact Terra Schellig at 535-3375.

AFAS Grant: Lajes High School seniors are eligible for the free Air Force Aid Society \$1,500 per year if they are the dependent of an Air Force sponsor. For more information, log onto http://www.afas.org/education/body_grant.cfm.

ERAU: Embry-Riddle is

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seeking part-time faculty in a variety of disciplines.

For more information, call Terra Schellig at 535-3375.

Volunteers to teach first aid: The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to teach first aid to children in grades K-5 next year at Lajes Elementary School. For more information, call the American Red Cross Office at 295-57-3516.

AAFES nail technician: AAFES is looking for a qualified nail technician to professionally perform manicures and pedicures as well as acrylic nail sets. Applicants must be willing to work flexible hours Tuesday-Saturday.

For details, call Lucille at the Beauty Shop at 535-4124.

Services vacancies: The 65th Services Squadron vacancy listing is available at the 65th SVS Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For details, call the HRO staff at 295-575-200 or 535-5200.

Music teacher: DoDDS Middle/High School is looking for a music teacher with experience in the music field in band and chorus. For more information, call Lori McCoy at 535-4151.

Base Tax Advisor: Position is available through the contracting office. The period of performance goes from Jan. 17 to June 2. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. David Roux at 535-6855.

OU Temp site manager: The University of Oklahoma is seeking applicants for a temporary site manager. This position will be for Feb. 13 to May 31, 2006. Training will begin on Feb. 1. Requirements include a bachelor's degree and related experience. Deadline to resubmit applications is Dec. 23, 2005. Interviews will be conducted in the first week of January. To apply submit a cover letter and resume to the OU office, or e-mail them to aplajes@ou.edu.

Combat Touch

Angel Tree Program: through Dec. 12 at both BX's; **Can Food Drive at Mass:** Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the base chapel; **Immaculate Conception Masses:** Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the base

chapel; **Protestant Children's Christmas Craft Party:** Thursday, 6 p.m. at the base chapel; **Christmas Cantata Potluck:** Dec. 11, 6 p.m. at the base chapel; **Protestant Women of the Chapel Fellowship:** Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at the base chapel; **New Creation Cafe:** Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at Eddie's Place; **Little Flowers Girls' Club:** Dec. 19, 2 p.m. at the base chapel; **Candlelight Service:** Dec. 24, 7 p.m. at the base chapel; **Christmas Eve Mass:** Dec. 24, noon at the base chapel; **Christmas Day Mass:** Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. at the base chapel; **Combined Protestant Service:** Dec. 25, midnight at the base chapel; **Watch Night Service:** Dec. 31, 10:30 a.m. at the base chapel; For more information on any of these events, call the chaplain at 535-4211.

FSC Open Holidays: The Family Support Center is now

Combat Care

open on American Holidays with limited services from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 535-4138.

Book Fair: Lajes Elementary School will host a book

Miscellaneous

fair Monday through Wednesday at the school cafeteria from 8:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday's sale will also be open from 6 to 8 p.m.

Lajes Field Photo Club: The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the family support center. Participation is open to everyone. For more information, call 295-549-262.

Flu Shots: Flu shots are now available for dependents. Walk-in appointments are available at the clinic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except noon to 1 p.m.

Food/Clothing Collection: Cub Scout Pack 1605 will post outside the commissary today and tomorrow to collect canned goods and non-perishables for the less fortunate on the island. Pack 1605 is also collecting clothing, shoes and toys in serviceable condition

for two orphanages in Afghanistan. Collection boxes are located in the education center, the fire department and the base library.

Christmas Tree Sale: The Lajes High School Athletic Booster Club is selling live Xmas trees Saturday and Sunday at the school. Tree prices range from \$15 to \$25.

X-Box Tournament: Project Cheer is sponsoring an X-Box

Project CHEER

tournament at the Community Activities Center Saturday starting at 6 p.m. Event is open to all base members. For more information, call 535-7272.

Classifieds

Submit ads via e-mail to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

1988 Nissan Bluebird 1.6 for sale, inspection good until Jun 06, in excellent conditions. New suspension, tires and water pump. 4 doors, power locks, windows and trunk. \$1,800 obo. Call 963672715.

1995 Subaru Legacy Automatic, 4dr, AM/FM Cassette \$2,000 OBO Available NOW. 295-549-605 or kevinkite@softhome.net

1990 Volvo 240 automatic, power windows and locks, great second car, 4-door, inspection good until Jan 06. \$600 obo. Call 295 549 727

WANTED: Second hand Elliptical trainer. Call Claudia Santos at 535-6417.

NANNY-HOUSE KEEPING-BABYSITTING Diana is an excellent nanny and is now available. She can read, write, and speak English fluently. She is warm, honest, reliable, flexible, and most importantly, bonded with my son immediately. She is also available for house keeping or babysitting. She has experience working for families on and off base and comes with references. If you would like further information you can contact me at jenkephardtavis@yahoo.com or call Diana directly at 963516249.

Nanny Available: Honest, reliable, and respectful nanny available in the new year First language English, also speaks Portuguese. Experienced, with excellent references. E-mail ashleytaylor@2die4.com or call (416) 354-2630 (Canada)

Kittens, yellow-striped, one peach colored, six weeks old, free to good homes. One calico, one grey-striped, slightly older, former strays, in good health. Will help with shots and chips if it means finding good homes for these darlings. Call 965 480 769

Please take a kitty! Female calico, black & white male. Fixed felines very nice that will rid your house and yard of mice! Please take a kitty! Ms.Trudell 295-515-742

For Sale: Woman's mess dress, size 10 regular; both skirt and jacket for \$100; contact Sandra at 295-549-719